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11. (SBU) The Ambassador delivered reftel points to Minister of Defense Javier Ponce on December 1. Ponce expressed interest and asked to be updated as more information became available. The Embassy also delivered reftel points on December 1 to the MFA's Directorate General of North America and the Directorate General of Asia, Africa and Oceanic Affairs. Director General of North American Juan Salazar confirmed that both offices had received the information, but had no substantive response.